

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Representative Winkler Reappointed to Leadership Position**



#### *Will Serve On Three Legislative Committees*

HARTFORD--State Representative Lenny Winkler, R-Groton, has been reappointed by House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-North Branford, to the post of Assistant Minority Leader in the House of

Representatives. She was elected to her ninth full term representing the 41<sup>st</sup> District on November 2.

Rep. Winkler's duties will include developing legislative strategy and direct input on policy issues, particularly those to improve the quality of life in southeastern Connecticut. Also, she will work with fellow caucus members to build consensus on issues before the General Assembly.

"I am honored to be reappointed as Assistant Minority Leader," said Rep. Winkler. "My previous terms serving in this position have provided a stronger position to influence legislation that benefits my district and the state as a whole."

She was also was appointed to serve on the Legislature's Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee, Judiciary Committee and Public Health Committee. In addition, Rep. Winkler has been reappointed as Ranking House Member of the Bonding Subcommittee of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, which reviews all capital and bonding expenditures and projects.

The Finance Committee has jurisdiction over all matters relating to finance, revenue, capital bonding, fees and taxation. The committee also has cognizance over employer contributions for unemployment compensation and all matters relating to the Department of Revenue Services and the revenue aspects of the Division of Special Revenue.

The Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over the state's judicial system including, criminal penalties, the appointment of judges, and the Department of Corrections.

The Public Health Committee has cognizance of all programs and matters relating to the Department of Public Health; the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Department of Mental Retardation; the Office of Health Care Access; and all other matters relating to health, including emergency medical services, all licensing

boards within the Department of Public Health, hospitals, nursing homes, pure food and drugs, and controlled substances, including the treatment of substance abuse.